FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 16, 2018
THE MEANING of CHRISTMAS

All of the songs that you are about to enjoy in this Festival of Carols focus on the unique identity, majestic divinity, and saving work of Jesus Christ. They basically tell the story of the gospel in three words:

Cradle
The cradle of Christmas proves that God is with us — Emmanuel. We are not alone in this world. We are not alone in our guilt, shame, and struggle. We are not alone when we walk through the valley of the shadowlands — even death itself. The little baby in the feeding trough in the cave in Bethlehem is the incarnate God. He came to live a life of perfection that we never could and to die a sacrificial death to free us from guilt, shame, sin, and death.

Cross
These carols remind us that the gospel story continues with another transforming event. The cross of Calvary proves that God is for us and not against us. We no longer have to work to earn His favor and acceptance; the cross serves as proof of God’s grace and love. Jesus endured our sin, our judgment, our hell, and our death on that cross so that, by believing in Him, we might enjoy forgiveness, acceptance, heaven, and eternal life.

Crown
The good news gets even better. These carols remind us that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule and reign. He is now crowned with glory and honor. The crown reminds us that God will ensure that we arrive safely home to His glorious kingdom. Jesus will triumph over all of His and our enemies. Our future is bright indeed. At Advent, we also celebrate that Jesus is coming again to make all things new.

Have you gazed upon that cradle, that cross, and that crown? Let us worship our Savior, born in a cradle; the Son of God, slain on a cross; and the King of Glory, who has secured our way home to the Father’s house!
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..................................... George Robertson

Overture on “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ......................................... Arthur Harris

†CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”…. Sterling Procter

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day spring brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose child and yet a King, born to reign in Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of O’er the hills the angels singing News, glad By thine own external Spirit, rule in all the earth Thou art, dear desire of in a cattle stall; this the ever all our hearts alone; by thine all suf-
4. Born thy people to deliver, born a rod of Jesus, of thy birth we long to hear! us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. every nation, joy of every long ing heart. prais es ring ing, Christ the Lord has come to earth.” lasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all. sufficient, mer it, raise us to thy glorious throne.
“Gloria” ................................................................. Randol Alan Bass

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei. Jesu, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, Jesu.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory be to God on high.
And on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
We worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS: “Sing the Carols of Christmas” ............... Gary Fry

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Please remain seated)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of kings; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie!
Aboye thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in Thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.

“What Child Is This?” (Children’s Choir)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (Congregation stands and sings)

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: “Festive First Noel”...............................arr. Dan Forrest

(Women) 2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, (Men) and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

(Worship Team)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Adore Him” ...............................David Wise and David Shipps

Countless days on a journey that led so far; endless nights they traveled to follow the star.
They did not find a palace, just a humble village home;
And searching for a king, but finding a Child — no crown, no throne, still they bowed down.

Come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O Come, let us adore Him.

Expectation turned to mystery, for nothing was like anything they’d dreamed.
Anticipating the royal and those honored by this world,
Instead they gazed in the awestruck eyes of a lowly peasant girl, holding her Child.
The brilliant gold, the fragrant myrrh, the costly frankincense placed before Him.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

“Joy Has Dawned” with “Angels We Have Heard on High” ..............................Daniel Semsen

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother’s breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold: a King is born today. Incense: God is with us.
Myrrh: His death will make a way. And by His blood He’ll win us.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Joy has dawned upon the earth. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Son of Adam, Son of Heav’n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man — Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst’ry:
Once a Babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of histr’y!
Joy has dawned upon the earth. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

“Carol of Joy” ................................................................. Dan Forrest

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then through the stillness, carols begin.
O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast and night tarries long.
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!
Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold, barren hillside shrouded in snow.
Deep empty valley, veiled by the night, hear angel music, hopeful and bright.
O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God and pardon for wrong.
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, carol of joy a Savior is found!
Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God’s love; join in the carol swelling above!
O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven’s joy to you may belong!
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: now unto you, carol of joy, a Savior is born!

HOMILY: “Swaddled” (Luke 2:1-12) ................................................. George Robertson

“Behold That Star” ................................................................. Mark Hayes

Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder.
Behold that star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

There was no room found in the inn for Him who was born free from sin.
It is the star of Bethlehem.
The wise men traveled from the East to worship Him, the Prince of Peace.
It is the star of Bethlehem.
A song broke forth upon the night from angel hosts all robed in white.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

There’s a star in the East on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior’s born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your ewes and leave your lambs. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your sheep and leave your rams. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, children, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, children, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Jauna Ellis, soloist
“Gloria in Excelsis” from LUX: The Dawn From On High........................................ Dan Forrest
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax.
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace.

BENEDICTION

“Peace, Peace” ................................................................. Fred Bock

Children’s Choir:
Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Congregation joins:

Postlude: “Joy to the World” ............................................ Anna Laura Page

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FESTIVAL of CAROLS BROADCAST
A recording of Festival of Carols will be broadcast on WKNO television on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and Midnight. It will also be shown on WKNO2 on Christmas Day at 8:00 p.m.
THE CHANCEL CHOIR Calvin Ellis, Director, Samuel Metzger, Accompanist

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Jaron Kloap

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Mark Woodring
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Nathan DuVall
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Eddie Clark

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Melodie Moore

Percussion
Michael Karez
Stuart Plumlee

Piano
Mary Lawrence Flinn
Jill Peak

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Samuel Metzger
Jill Peak

Guitar
Daniel Pollorena
We invite you to worship with us on Sundays

Morning Worship: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

To find out how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org

Nine Lessons and Carols
December 23, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Nine Lessons and Carols service includes Scripture readings and carols based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King’s College in Cambridge, England.

During the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., all ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

CCs and Sunday School classes will not meet on December 23 or 30.
Sunday Night Worship will not meet on December 23.

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. Family Service with Children’s Message
5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Nursery is available for ages 4 and under for all services excluding the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

Gospel
Priorities
Luke 4:18-19
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